Remarks

Claims 1-4 and 6-13 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 13 are rejected. Claims 4 and 6-12 are objected to. All rejections and objections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 13 are amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 8. Claim 8 is cancelled. Claim 9 is amended to depend from claim 1.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account <u>50-0749</u>.

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